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SUBJECT: IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED REFTELS WITH IMCO SEC GEN GOAD
SEPTEMBER 27 AND WITH UK'S JOHN ARCHER (DTI)
SEPTEMBER 28. REACTION OF BOTH VERY NEGATIVE TO IDEA
OF VALLARTA FOR COMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN AND LINDENCRONA
FOR PRESIDENCY OF CONFERENCE. BOTH EXPRESSED VIEW
THAT IF DC'S HOPED TO HAVE THEIR EXPERTS CHAIR
IMPORTANT WORKING COMMITTEES IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL
FOR REASONS OF BALANCE TO INSTALL LDC OFFICIAL AS
PRESIDENT. THEY INDICATED THAT US IDEA OF LINDENCRONA
PRESIDENCY WOULD IMBALANCE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE EVEN
FURTHER IN FAVOR OF DC'S AND WOULD PROBABLY BE
UNACCEPTABLE TO LDC'S. GOAD POINTED OUT THAT
LINDENCRONA PARTICULARLY WELL-QUALIFIED FOR
COMMITTEE I AND BY SUBSTITUTING VALLARTA COMMITTEE I
WOULD LOSE CONTINUITY OF LINDENCRONA'S LEADERSHIP
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AND WOULD PROBABLY BE WEAKENED, AT LEAST INITIALLY,

DESPITE HIGHLY-REGARDED ABILITIES OF VALLARTA, BECAUSE LATTER WOULD NEED SOME TIME TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH COMMITTEE I WORK.

2. GOAD HAS ALREADY ASKED MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE WHETHER VALLARTA'S POSITION AS NUMBER THREE MAN ON MEXICAN DELEGATION WOULD POSE PROBLEM FOR HIS POSSIBLE SELECTION AS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. MEXICAN EMBASSY THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BUT AGREED UNDERTAKE SOUNDING MEXICO CITY. GOAD STILL AWAITING RESPONSE. ARCHER TOLD US THAT UK CONSIDERS VALLARTA WELL-QUALIFIED FOR CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY AND WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER SUPPORT IN EVENT HE BECOMES CANDIDATE. (INCIDENTALLY, UK HAS RECEIVED A REPORT THAT US HAS MADE INQUIRIES RE VALLARTA IN MEXICO CITY.)

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